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1. [REDACTED] Bill Jones, INR/State, called for some assistance in handling a constituent request referred to State by Senator John Sparkman (D., Ala.). We forwarded to Jones the standard package used by Mr. Thuermer answering requests for CIA material for use by college debate teams.

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2. [REDACTED] Allen Wolensky of the firm of Hogan and Hartson (telephone 331-4632) called to alert us that the House Ways and Means Committee had ordered reported a bill to repeal section 912 of the Internal Revenue Code exempting Government foreign area allowances from income taxation. This was done in conjunction with a repeal of section 911 excluding certain earned income abroad from taxation. [REDACTED], OGC, and [REDACTED], OP, were alerted. This measure already faces some serious opposition in the Senate in connection with the oil depletion allowance provisions.

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3. [REDACTED] Called Jim Davidson, Counsel, Senate Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, and expressed our appreciation for his efforts in securing exemption for the Agency from most of the provisions of S. 3418, the Senate right of privacy bill. I pointed out that in the version appearing in the Congressional Record of November 22nd, the exemption for intelligence sources and methods was erroneously worded "designed" rather than "designated for protection from unauthorized disclosure pursuant to 50 U.S.C.A. 403." Davidson said that this was a clerical error and would be corrected.

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4. [REDACTED] After discussing with [REDACTED] OP, I returned a call from Gale Farrell, office of Representative Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.), concerning a constituent who operates an employment placement company and who inquired as to seeking a contract with the Agency. I explained that the Agency has no contracts with any employment placement organization which charges fees since this is against the law; if, however, the constituent operates a charitable or similar nonprofit company assisting minority and EEO applicants, we would be pleased to have someone talk to them. She said she would check and call me back.

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5. [redacted] Called the office of Charles F. Simms, OMB/OGC, in response to their memorandum to the Agency requesting comments on a proposed Executive Order, "Continuance of Certain Federal Advisory Committees." The proposed Order is pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and extends the existance of advisory committees created by the President. I explained that we would have no comment since we are expressly exempt from the provisions of the Act. No written reply is necessary.

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6. [redacted] Called Rebecca Switzer, office of Senator James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.), in response to her earlier call requesting a rough estimate of the Agency's yearly budget. I explained that this figure was not for publication. She seemed totally unfamiliar with the Agency's appropriation process in the Congress, and it appeared her request was more personal than official.

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7. [redacted] Called Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, and inquired as to whether he had any information concerning the case of the Agency employee referred to by Representative Bob Eckhardt (D., Tex.) in his floor statement last week supporting Representative Bella S. Abzug's (D., N. Y.) amendment to strike the Agency's exemption from H. R. 16373, the right of privacy bill. Kronfeld said the staff had no information on the case. He suggested that we check directly with Representative Eckhardt's office.

We discussed the Senate vote Friday passing H.R. 16373, but substituting the text of the Senate bill, S. 3418. Kronfeld felt that the two bills were so different that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to reconcile the differences in conference. He doubted that there would be a privacy bill this Congress. He said the House might very well pass S. 3418 and substitute the text of its bill, and would hope to go to conference with the Senate-numbered bill rather than the House-numbered bill. In conference he would hope that the conferees would accept most of the House bill. He reaffirmed that the conferees will support an Agency exemption as provided in the House bill. A decision should be made this week, and he will let me know.

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8. [REDACTED] Received a call from Leslie Yates, Staff Consultant, Subcommittee on Africa, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who wanted to know who would be coming up to pre-brief Chairman Charles Diggs (D., Mich.) in connection with the briefing scheduled for 9 December 1974 for the Africa Subcommittee. I told her Mr. Cary and [REDACTED] OCI, would be there.

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9. [REDACTED] In follow up of our conversation on Friday, advised George Murphy, Deputy Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, that I had had an opportunity to review the information on counter espionage activities in [REDACTED] which had been brought to my attention 25X1 and said they were not involved in nuclear or NATO matters and thus unrelated to the story he had called about on Friday. Murphy requested a short blind memo, unclassified if possible, on the case involving the Polish service and I said we would see what we could find. Murphy says he attempts to keep track of these events in connection with the Committee's overall interest in the security of NATO and protection of nuclear secrets.

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10. [REDACTED] Accompanied the Director and Messrs. Nelson and [REDACTED] to the bi-weekly briefing of the Intelligence Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee. See [REDACTED] Memo for Record for details.

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11. [REDACTED] Talked to Greg Rushford, in the office of Representative Clarence Long, and told him Bill Anderson, also of Long's staff, and I agreed on Friday that our respective schedules made it impossible for us to get together with Long this week. I suggested we have our meeting next Wednesday morning, 4 December, and he agreed to this scheduling. I also told him the briefers would be [REDACTED] and I would accompany them. Rushford again said they wanted [REDACTED] for the briefing. I told him again [REDACTED] field was strictly Iran and if he wanted the briefing limited to that area [REDACTED] would probably be the briefer. Rushford said they wanted the briefing to go further to include all the Persian Gulf area but they wanted to hear about [REDACTED] project." I told him I would check further on this and let him know.

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12.

OCI, and I met with Representative Charles Diggs and Ms. Leslie Yates, of Mr. Diggs' Foreign Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Africa staff, to discuss the substance and procedures for a briefing of the Subcommittee on 9 December. See Memo for Record for details.

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13.

Called Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and asked him for his view on whether the House action to reduce Federal agency's travel expenditures by 25% of what they were last year would be agreed to by the Senate. McConnell said he didn't think it would be accepted by the Senate.

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14.

Talked with [redacted] about the nomination of [redacted] to an executive position in the FEA and the questions which have been put to him by Senator Metzenbaum regarding past associations with the Agency. See Memo for Record.

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15.

OTR, called to say he had talked with Captain Jim Lucas who had no objection to the extension of an invitation to Representative Peter Frelinghuysen to address the Advanced Intelligence Seminar on the Hill on 17 December. I told [redacted] I would raise this at the DCI morning meeting and if there was no objection I would contact Frelinghuysen.

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16.

Called Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, to alert him to the possibility that Representative Charles Diggs would contact him with regard to arrangements made between the Armed Services Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee leadership for briefings of Foreign Affairs by the Agency on certain intelligence activities. I told Nedzi of our discussions with Diggs this afternoon and he appreciated both our position and my call.

Nedzi said he had talked with Chairman Rodino, House Judiciary Committee, regarding a possible inquiry to the Agency by Representative Holtzman and others concerning associations with Governor Rockefeller. Rodino told Nedzi that any such inquiries should be referred back to him. I told Nedzi of Holtzman's questioning of Rockefeller on Friday regarding his role as a member of PFIAB on the Chile matter and added that I hoped there would be no further inquiries of us.

I talked with Nedzi about our discussions with Greg Rushford, staff of Representative Clarence Long, in demanding that [redacted] be a member of the team which will brief Long next Wednesday, 4 December. Nedzi said he would be glad to support us on any real problems with Long but said we should not be unreasonable in our position. He recommends that we include [redacted] in the briefing team unless there is a strong reason for not doing so.

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18.

Barbara McElven, on the staff of Representative Ronald B. (Bo) Ginn (D., Ga.), called to ask on behalf of a constituent whether there were tours given of the CIA buildings. I explained to her that there were no public tours of our buildings but said I would send her an Agency brochure for her to send on to the constituent.

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19.

Spoke with Pam Wolf, Library of Congress, who asked for two intelligence reports: a 1954 report by General Doolittle's group on foreign intelligence and a 1949 survey by Allen Dulles on the intelligence community. I advised her that the Agency did not have the authority to release these reports since they were prepared for the White House and the National Security Council. When I asked she admitted that she was working on this request for a Mr. Hanna, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff. OLC has received a request directly from Mr. Hanna also.

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20.

In the absence of Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, I left with Berniece Kalinowski, Slatinshek's Personal Secretary, a short blind memorandum dated 22 November 1974 entitled, "CIA Act of 1949, as amended (Section 8)," together with a copy of Section 8. Slatinshek had called last Friday as a result of a call from Thomas Shillinglaw, Office of the Legislative Counsel, House of Representatives.

Received from Kalinowski an "Early Bird" copy of an item by J. David Truby entitled, "The Super-Secret Soviet Rifle." Kalinowski told me that Slatinshek would appreciate our comments on the item.

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21.

I talked to George Berdes, Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and confirmed the briefing on SALT for Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, for Wednesday, 11 December, at 10:00 a.m.

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22. [REDACTED] Met with William H. Hogan, Counsel, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, and received from him the printer's copies of pages 1 through 39 of the Colson testimony of 17 June 1974; printer's copies of pages 40 through 42 of the Colson testimony of 17 June 1974; printer's copies of pages 1206 through 1356 of the Colson testimony of 29 June 1973 and the printer's copies of pages 942 through 1205 of the Hunt/Bittman testimony of 28 June 1973. Mr. Warner has been advised.

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